

Newsletter

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SCHOOL TERM DATE 2018

TERM 1

Tuesday 6th

February -

Friday 13th

April

TERM 2

Tuesday 1st May -

Friday 6th July

TERM 3

Monday 23rd July -

Friday 28th Sept

TERM 4

Monday 15th Oct -


Wednesday 19th

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community,

We have had a wonderful Term so far. I would like to thank all of the parents and carers for taking the time to meet with teachers to discuss their children's Personal Learning Plans. Our children are working so hard at school and are achieving excellent results.

Last week, our Secondary students went to Walgett for a dance workshop. We did not know, but there were scouts at this workshop from the Bangarra Dance Company in Sydney. Over one hundred students were at this event. The Bangarra scouts chose three students to try out for their company and two of these students were from our school: **Buddy and Tyron**. We have enormous PRIDE in their achievements. Well done boys! These boys will be off to Sydney later in the year for further tryouts.

Our school is really lucky as we have three Occupational Therapy students from Sydney University working in our school at the moment. These young women are currently developing programs to help many of our students in the Primary school. I am hoping that many of you will meet them on home visits with Aunty Nick. One of these girls, Belle, is teaching many of our students to play the piano. Our kids love learning! 

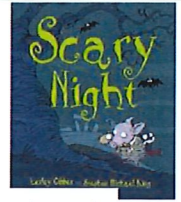
This week we had Harmony Day (a day celebrating all of the cultures around the world) and our students made heaps of delicious dishes. We made so much that we had to plate up food to take out to our elders for lunch. Next year, we are planning to invite the community to come and share this wonderful lunch with us!

Many of our Secondary girls and boys are in Coonabarabran at the moment, competing in the Winter Trials. We wish them luck in all of their sporting endeavours.

We will be holding our Cross Country on the Friday in Week 10 (6th April) and all community members are welcome to come along and cheer our kids on! Have a great week!

Annie Downes (Principal)

K-1-2 News

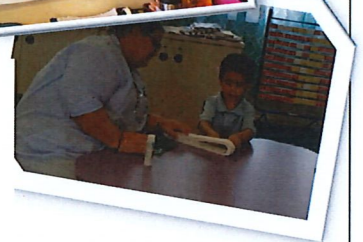


K-1-2 were learning about bats and read the book *Scary Night* by Lesley Gibbes. Then they made their own bats. Here are Maleek, Kehanna and Jarraan showing their bats

K-1-2 has been learning about the Commonwealth Games this term. They learnt about its meaning and the design of the Queen's Baton.



Here is Mrs O'Connor helping Keetan to create his baton model.



3-4-5-6

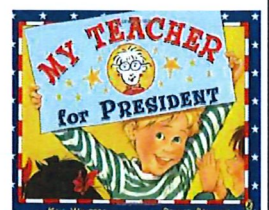


Stage 2 and 3 had their pot of GOLD and ate it too!

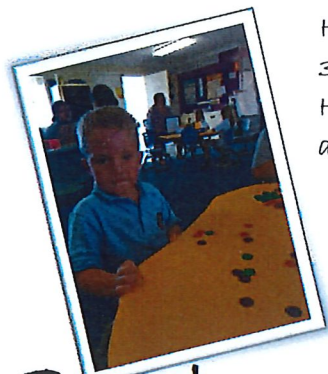
Then they made their own pot of gold picture using different materials and wrote about who is worth more to them than gold. They also wrote about "How to catch a Leprechaun and if they were given three wishes what would they be."



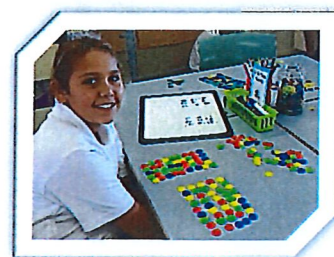
The students listened to the book "My Teacher for President" by Kay Winters. After the listening they discussed the difference between a President and a Prime Minister. Then using the book's topic, they began to write an exposition about who they would elect in their school for Prime Minister.



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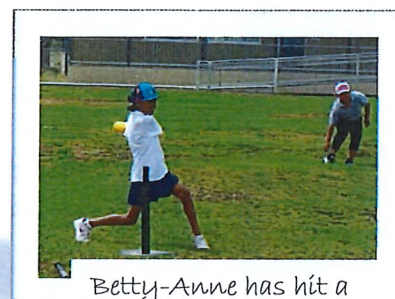
Hayden made 5 groups of 3 plus 1 group of six. He then added them altogether.



Jazmin made the different arrays for 5×9 and 9×5 . She then skip counted for each array, showing they have different skip counting methods.

Sport

Nan Noon and Keetan hitting a home run!



Betty-Anne has hit a flyer and Kyanne is getting ready to catch it.

Scripture

Lightning Ridge Community Church, in association with the Anglican Church came to our school on Friday, 16th March. The whole school enjoyed the B.B.Q lunch they cooked. Primary students then enjoyed singing along with the group and watched their performance about the meaning of Easter.



Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated on 21st March to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. People celebrate the cultural or linguistic background of all people within Australia.

Goodooga Central School united for lunch and enjoyed a multicultural range of food which the staff and students of the school prepared.

Primary students and staff talked about the countries they had chosen foods from to cook. They also created flags and brochures about their respective countries. K-1-2 made (Apricot Chicken) from Armenia and Patty cakes England while 3-4-5-6 made Tortillas from Mexico and vanilla Slice from France.



Primary Assembly Awards

Week 5

K-1-2: Maleek and Taleeah

3-4-5-6: Tyree, Kaylarni and Kyanne



Week 6

K-1-2: Keetan and Aashaki

3-4-5-6: Kaylarni, Kyanne, Kallum, Zoey, Shaquiel, Kiyesha, Tyree and Malanjei

Week 7

K-1-2: Jarran, Kehanna and Maleek

3-4-5-6: Kaylarni, Kallum and Malanjei



Principal's Award

Week 5 - Maleek

Week 6 - Maleek



Student of the Week

Week 5 - Maleek

Week 6 - Kyanne

Week 7 - Taleeah



**Congratulations to the 2018
Primary School Captain**

Kaylarni

CONGRATULATIONS NAIOKA

Aurora College is the NSW Virtual Selective High School, providing students in rural and remote areas the chance to study specialist subjects using the latest technology. Selective high schools cater for gifted and talented students who have superior to very superior academic ability which is matched by exceptionally high classroom performance. These schools can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping together gifted and talented students who may otherwise be isolated from a like peer group. Entry into Years 8 to 12 is determined using criteria developed by each school's selection committee.

Aurora College connects Students in rural and remote locations into a selective strand covering English, Mathematics and Science using computer technology and personal contact to deliver the curriculum. Students are enrolled both in the selective class and also in their local secondary (base) school; meaning that they can access a challenging academic program without leaving home and friends to do so.

Students attend classes by logging on to our online conferencing system. Teachers can see and hear each student using webcams and microphones. Our learning management system and collaborative suite allows teachers to set classwork, homework, assignments and securely receive student work.

Twice a year, students are brought together for a residential camp. This provides a chance to complete the practical work, science experiments and more. Students also have the chance to join together and experience the host area through excursions, activities and events.

Aurora Residential

On Monday we travelled to Sydney. On Tuesday years 7 and 8 went to the zoo. My classmates and I were walking around as a group. We saw elephants, red pandas, chimpanzees, meerkats, alpacas, gorillas, and a few other animals. We went into a reptile house, and an exhibit that imitated a shearing shed. We also went to a seal show. My classmate Gabe got soaked by the seal. On Wednesday we stayed at the Narrabeen Sport and Rec Centre where the whole residential was being hosted. We did science, math, and English classes in that day, along with kayaking, rock climbing, and archery. On Thursday we did Inquisitive Minds, which is a math program which makes us think outside of the box. Then, on Friday, we travelled home.



Something Kind of Beautiful – Stage 4 Art

This year in Art the students will be exploring a range of different art making methods and materials, to further their understanding of what art can be. By looking at the world around them for sources of inspiration, students should continue to develop their ability to interpret what they see. Through the study of a range of different artists from Australia and around the world, the students will gain an understanding of artistic practice. They will also develop their ability to understand artworks and be more capable of identifying the artists' intentions behind artworks.

This knowledge of artists' works and practice will help the students in their own artmaking by encouraging them to make well-considered choices about mediums, content and technique. In the first semester of this year, the students will be making an artwork out of Polystyrene (Styrofoam) for the 'Waste to Art' exhibition in Narromine in June. In second semester, the students will be creating a mixed media collage including photography and clay modelling. This highly "hands on" unit of work will allow the students to explore many artistic opportunities and possibly open gateways to future careers in the growing art industry.

AUTOMOTIVES **STAGE FIVE**



The Stage five students have been learning about Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) and Work Health and Safety in the automotive industry which includes personal protective equipment, signage and chemical awareness. They have learned about Whitworth, a man who developed the standard nut and bolt sizes in the imperial system.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN **ENGLISH**

In English this year all students are continuing to work on their literary skills including spelling, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension and writing. This will set students up to succeed in all of their school subjects, as well as in the upcoming NAPLAN and literacy minimum standards assessments.

Stage 4 have started the year with a study of poetry, both reading the poems of others and creating their own. The students will all finish this unit by publishing their own book of poetry to be shared with the school and community. This will be followed next term with a unit studying the theme of survival in a range of texts. In the second half of the year students will be studying drama and biographies. In Stage 5, students have started the year by examining the power of language in a number of texts, and crafting their own texts with the aim of persuading others using their language.

Later in the year, students will study the theme of war in texts, examine Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, and explore how schools are represented in different texts. Our Stage 6 students are continuing their study of English through our NBSA program and have achieved excellent results in their first assessments of the year.